

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet(s) of drawings include(s) changes to Fig(s) 1 and 5. The sheet(s) include(s) Fig(s). 1-7 and replace(s) original sheet(s) including Fig(s) 1-7. In Figs. 1 and 5, section line designations were amended to correspond to the figure number in which the section view is depicted and the font size of the section view numbers was made larger than the font size used for the reference numbers.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 18, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

In the January Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In relation to objections (a) and (c), applicant submits that appropriate correction has been made to the drawings. In relation to objection (b), applicant submits that appropriate correction has been made to the specification as set forth above. Accordingly, applicant submits that the objections to the drawings have been overcome and respectfully requests that such objections be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objected to the specification. Applicant submits that the specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant submits this objection is overcome.

The Examiner also made a number of objections to the form of the claims. Based on the amendments made above, it is believed that these objections have been obviated.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 under 35 USC § 103(a) based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,668,384 to Chang and U.S. Patent No. 2,119,621 to Ferrone. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As presented, independent claim one is directed to a tent door. The tent door includes a first zipper tape that is attached to an inner door fabric via a first supplemental fabric. A second zipper tape is attached to an outer door fabric so as to correspond to the first zipper tape. A vertical slider is provided that is operative to separate and combine zipper teeth on the first and second zipper tapes. A portion of the outer door fabric extends over the first and second zipper tapes when the zipper teeth are engaged. In order to channel water away from the zipper teeth when the teeth are engaged, the tent door utilizes a rainwater guiding fabric. The rainwater guiding fabric is operative to channel water that penetrates beneath the portion of the outer door fabric that extends over the first and second zipper tapes. Specifically, the rainwater guiding fabric has first and second ends that are disposed on opposing sides of an end of the inner door fabric. In this regard, rainwater that permeates across the inner door fabric is received in a close ended space that is formed between the first and second ends of the rainwater guiding fabric. Accordingly, such rainwater may be channeled down this close ended space to a desired location outside of the tent door. To further waterproof the tent door, a first waterproof tape is applied to a sewing line part that is formed by sewing together the inner door fabric, the rainwater guiding fabric and the first supplemental fabric.

Neither Chang nor Ferrone alone or in combination disclose or suggest the use of a rainwater guiding fabric that is disposed on opposing sides of an end of a fabric panel in order form a closed end space that may receive water that permeates across that fabric panel. Further, applicant submits that neither Chang nor Ferrone alone or in combination disclose the use of a waterproof tape to waterproof a sewing line formed by sewing a supplemental fabric (i.e., attached to a zipper tape) to a fabric panel of a tent. This is not surprising as Chang is directed toward a zipper on a jacket where a free end of the zipper may be sewn to the lining of the jacket. See Col. 3 lines 54-58. As the sew line connecting the zipper to the lining does not extend to the outside of the jacket, Chang does not require use of a waterproof tape to seal the sew line connecting the zipper or a supplemental fabric to the jacket. Nothing in Ferrone makes up for the shortcoming of Chang. Accordingly, applicant request that this rejection be withdrawn and that claim 1 and it independent claims be allowed.

Independent claim 4 is directed to a method for forming a tent door. The method includes interconnecting a rainwater guiding fabric to the end of a fabric panel of a tent to form a space for channeling rainwater. In this regard, first and second in portions of the rainwater guiding fabric or folded. An end of a door fabric of the tent is disposed between the first and second ends of the rainwater guiding fabric. Once so inserted, at least one in portion of the rainwater guiding fabric, the inserted door fabric and a fabric assisted with the zipper tape are sewn together. Once sewn, a waterproof tape is applied to the sew line to prevent water permeation there through. Again, the folded rainwater guiding fabric forms a closed ended space for channeling water received from the door fabric.

Again, Chang and Ferrone fail, alone or in combination, to disclose or suggest the use of the rainwater guiding fabric that is disposed on opposing sides of an end of a door fabric to provide a close ended space for channeling water. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and that claim 4 and its independent claims be allowed.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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